

American Fencing



DONALD S. THOMPSON

Under the guidance of preceding administrations, the Amateur Fencers League of America has grown and prospered. Fencing is more popular in the United States than at any previous time and the general level of competence of our fencers is at its highest. Our prestige abroad is demonstrated in the selection of the United States, as representative of the western hemisphere, to be the site of the next world championships.

As a consequence, the accent in your new administration is international. In 1958, we play host to the World Championships in Philadelphia; in 1959, to the Pan American Championships in Chicago; and in 1960, we must train and select our Olympic Team to go to Rome.

Our immediate task this year is to prepare for the world championships to be held in Philadelphia next August. This is a tremendous job and American fencing faces its greatest opportunity — and challenge. We shall all have the opportunity of learning a great deal. Properly exploited, the tournament should give American fencing a tremendous boost and carry the sport to a new high level of competence and over-all interest. We have an excellent group working on local arrangements in Philadelphia but they cannot carry the whole load. Every fencer must do everything he can to help make the program a success. We need people to help us prepare for the tournament and to staff it. And we need money! We have to raise more money this year than we have ever tried to do previously.

In order to discharge our international obligations properly, we must also intensify our efforts to strengthen fencing at home. We must encourage more fencers to fence, we must assist them to find more and better opportunities to fence, and we must expand membership in the League. Your administration is working on plans to further these objectives. However, don't wait for us; get busy now. Plans worked out at the national level take time. I ask each fencer to contact every one he knows, or about whom he has heard, who has been a fencer, has indicated an interest in fencing, or might be sympathetic to sports or to a physical fitness program, and urge him to support the world championships and to join the League.

If American Fencing is to meet the challenge laid down by international fencing and if it is to further its own aspirations, we shall all have to work to the utmost. Your new administration will do its best. It needs all of the help each of you can give.

Good fencing to all. I shall see you at the World Championships in Philadelphia next August.

THANK YOU, "MIKE"

During my years as President it was neither proper nor practical that I remain as Editor of American Fencing. With this issue I resume the post and relieve Miguel de Capriles of the heavy load he has carried over the past four years.

Few people realize how much time and effort is required to put the magazine together, but most will appreciate the wonderful job Mike has done. His abilities as a writer and editor are invaluable and far superior to my own. We will relieve him of the detailed work and ask him to continue as our Features Editor.

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CHICAGO TO HOLD PAN AMERICAN GAMES

Chicago has been awarded the Games for 1959 by a 13-6 vote of the permanent commission in a special meeting held in Costa Rica on August 3rd.

The tentative plans fix the Third Pan American Games from August 17th to September 7th, 1959. Opening ceremonies will be at Soldiers Field and the fencing will be staged at the University of Chicago.

The Chicago Organizing Committee for Fencing consists of Alvar Hermanson, Chairman; William Frank, Helen Matousek, Al Rose, Leon Strauss and Donald G. Thompson.

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WILL YOU BE THERE?

For the first time since their inception the World Fencing Championships will be held in the Western Hemisphere and, more specifically, in Philadelphia. Although the Olympic Games are admittedly the greatest sport show on earth, the World Championships are actually a bigger and better fencing event. Whereas in the Olympics individual entries are limited to three per country and there is no women's team championship the World Championships allow six individual entries and include a women's team event.

For the first time the majority of our fencers will have the opportunity to see the very best fencing in the world. A thousand words of explanation—even from the best teachers—will not be as enlightening as your personal observations. We ask all of you to start planning now to take your vacations so that you will be in Philadelphia from August 22 to September 6.

We have a formidable task ahead of us that will require the active support of each and every one of you. This magazine will keep you fully informed as plans are developed. A great many people (over 200 in addition to the jury personnel) with varied talents and skills will be needed. A great deal of money must be raised. Solicit funds whenever and wherever you can. Send checks to Leo Sobel, 721 Walton Ave., Bronx 51, N.Y. Contributions made out to "People to People Sports Foundation" are deductible from taxable income.

To start off, may be suggest a fund-raising party or competition in every Division some time before Christmas?

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PLEASE NOTE

We wish to compile and print the names and addresses of all fencing clubs in the country. Please send us this information for your fencing area as soon as possible.

Letters to the Editors

Thank you. . . Canada, please note.

Mexico's fencers, who had the distinguished pleasure to participate in your "Nationals" in Milwaukee last June, wish to congratulate officials and organizers for their wonderful accomplishments and thank all fencers and non-fencers as well as the reporter of American Fencing for the sympathy showed to them.

We will do our possible to take part again next year.

May 1, through your fine publication, suggest to Canada's officials to study the possibility of setting the date of their Nationals close enough to yours so as to eventually allow us to participate in both without having to stay away for too long?

Corrado V. Schlaepfer
Mexico City.

Personal Note

Lorand Marcell, member of last year's Board of Governors and active fencer from the Salle Santelli, was married on July 3rd to Miss Charlotte Schaefer.

Board of Governors Meeting

A record number of Governors assembled at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Makler in Merion, Pa., for the annual Board meeting on September 21, 1957. President Donald S. Thompson had prepared an excellent detailed picture of the problems involved in holding the 1958 World Championships. Much information about the problem and the plans to cope with it will appear in our next issue. The volume of business on the agenda was handled from 2:30 P.M. to almost 10 P.M., with time out for a delicious dinner.

MAJOR AFLA COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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Electrical Equipment: L. Wortman, Chairman; A. Axelrod, J. Castello, J. de Capriles, W. Durrett, G. Santelli.

National Championships Organization: A. Kwartler, Chairman; others to be named by chairman. The Bout Committee will be named by the President at a later date.

US Olympic Pentathlon: Col. G. M. Heiss, USA.

SELECTION OF U.S. TEAM

The Board announces that the U.S. competitors in the 1958 World Championships will be selected by a committee (to be announced later) immediately after the 1958 National Championships which are to be held in New York from June 28 to July 5. The first four eligible competitors in the National Championships in each weapon will be automatically on the team. The balance of the squad will be selected by the judgment of the committee based on performance in the 1957-58 season but not necessarily limited to the National Championships. Each nation is allowed six individual entries and a team of six in each weapon. It is not mandatory that the six members of a team and the six individual entries be the same persons; it is therefore possible and highly probable that more than six competitors will be selected in each weapon.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The organizing Committee for the World Championships will be headed by Dr. Paul T. Makler who was named Special Vice-President for the World Championships. Other members will be named to the committee at a later date. M. de Capriles was named to act as our contact with the State

DR. JAMES F. FLYNN ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT

Dr. Flynn of New Jersey and the New York Athletic Club was elected Vice-President for the East to fill the vacancy created by the ineligibility of Calvert E. Schlick of Maryland. Mr. Schlick advised the Board that he had taken a coaching assignment at the U.S. Naval Academy and under our constitution he became ineligible to continue in national office. We are happy to note however, that Mr. Schlick will continue to work for the League in other capacities. Dr. Flynn has long been a valued member of the Board, is a former Vice-President and has been very active in New Jersey and the North Atlantic Section. He is a former National Champion and member of the Olympic Team.

Department and H. Castello to serve as liaison with the People to People Sports Foundation. Advance notices containing the exact schedule of events, travel and housing information, and other pertinent data must be printed in french and sent to all member nations of the FIE. J. de Capriles, M. de Capriles and T. Jaeckel were appointed to prepare such a program and to have posters announcing the Championships similarly made and distributed.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

The Board announces the following national rankings for the 1957-58 season. Pursuant to established policy, only residents of the U.S. or non-resident members of the AFLA are ranked. Certain ranking fencers for the 1956-57 season failed to compete in the 1957 national championships and are therefore unranked for lack of data.

THE CONNECTICUT TROPHY

The Connecticut Trophy for the 1956-57 season has been won again by the Gulf Coast Division. The efficiency of their secretary and the large number of competitions are the two outstanding reasons for their success. The standings for all categories is as follows:

Membership: (1) So. California; (2) Michigan; (3) New England; (4) No. California; (5) Illinois.

Percentage Increase: (1) Connecticut; (2) Kentucky; (3) New Orleans; (4) Columbus; (5) Western N.Y.

Competitions: (1) Gulf Coast; (2) No. California; (3) New England; (4) So. California; (5) Philadelphia.

Competitors: (1) So. California; (2) Gulf Coast; (3) No. California; (4) New Jersey; (5) No. Ohio.

Standing at National Office: (1) Gulf Coast; (2) Kentucky; (3) Minnesota; (4) No. Ohio; (5) Delaware.

Final Standings: (1) Gulf Coast; (2) So. California; (3) No. California; (4) Kentucky; (5) New England.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the League was increased again last year by 108.

WOMEN

1. Janice Lee Romary, Los Angeles, Calif.
 2. Lydia Domolky, Los Angeles, Calif.
 3. Louise Dyer, Philadelphia, Pa.
 4. Anne Drungis, New York, N.Y.
 5. Maxine Mitchell, Los Angeles, Calif.
 6. Ida Balint, New York, N.Y.
 7. Tommy Angell, San Francisco, Calif.
 8. Iris Hoblit, Los Angeles, Calif.
 9. Beverly Greenwald, New York, N.Y.
 10. Julia Schoeck, New York, N.Y.
- Unranked for lack of data: Madeline Miyamoto, Los Angeles, Calif. Madeline Dalton, Bessie Feig, Judy Goodrich.

FOIL

1. Dr. Daniel Bukantz, New York, N.Y.
 2. Harold Goldsmith, New York, N.Y.
 3. Myron Krieger, Detroit, Mich.
 4. Anthony Zombolas, Chicago, Ill.
 5. Arthur Schankin, Urban, Ill.
 6. Rene Pinchuk, Detroit, Mich.
 7. Josef Lampl, Los Angeles, Calif.
 8. Fred Freiheit, Detroit, Mich.
 9. Nathan Shapiro, Chicago, Ill.
 10. Jerry Romary, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Unranked for lack of data: Albert Axelrod, Allan Kwartler, Nathaniel Lubell, Sewall Shurtz, Charles Steinhardt, Leonard Turk. Ian Kwartler, Alex Treves, George Worth.

EPEE

1. Richard Berry, Detroit, Mich.
 2. Richard Pew, Dayton, Ohio
 3. Josef Sakovitz, Los Angeles, Calif.
 4. Edward Vebell, Westport, Conn.
 5. Peter Conomikes, Washington, D.C.
 6. Abram Cohen, New York, N.Y.
 7. James Margolis, New York, N.Y.
 8. Raul Martinez, Detroit, Mich.
 9. Albert Wolff, Louisville, Ky.
 10. Thomas Bickley, Newark, N.J.
- Unranked for lack of data: William Andre, Ralph Goldstein, Kinmont Hoitsma, Henry Kolowrat, Sewall Shurtz, Frank Zechlin.

SABRE

1. Daniel Magoy, San Francisco, Calif.
 2. Dr. Tibor Nyilas, Flushing, N.Y.
 3. Tomas Orley, San Francisco, Calif.
 4. Norman Armitage, Clemson, So. Car.
 5. Dean Cetrulo, Newark, N.J.
 6. Lazlo Pongo, New York, N.Y.
 7. Walter Farber, New York, N.Y.
 8. Fred Rayser, Los Angeles, Calif.
 9. George Domolky, San Francisco, Calif.
 10. Czabo Pallaghy, New York, N.Y.
- Unranked for lack of data: John Cameron, Abram Cohen, Richard Dyer, Sol Gorlin, Al-

N.F.C.A.A. EASTERN CONFERENCE

The Fencing Coaches Association conducted a most interesting and informative conference from August 29th to 31st at the N.Y.U. School of Education. Daily sessions ran from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 or 4:00 P.M., and attracted members and guests from as far as Florida and Canada.

Conference Chairman, Hugo Castello, arranged a full program of lectures and demonstrations and Andre Deladrier, Irving De Koff and Edward Lucia alternated as moderators. The presence of "Papa" Julio Castello, who taught quite a few of the present-day coaches, lent additional interest to the meetings. Mr. Victor Obeck, Director of Athletics at N.Y.U., welcomed the conference to his University.

Leon Wortman's analysis of electrical equipment problems appears in this issue; Julius Alpar of Canada gave a provocative demonstration of modern techniques and we will carry an article by him in the next issue; George Santelli demonstrated the evolution of footwork; Miguel de Capriles discussed the new Rules Book; Bart Brodrick suggested methods of organizing a small-area club and A.F.L.A. division; Lajos Csiszar and Jose de Capriles commented on a motion picture of the Olympic foil and sabre finals; Edward Lucia discussed the various schools of fencing and gave some pertinent comments on non-competitive fencing; Irving De Koff urged standards for teaching of foil fencing; Julio and James Castello demonstrated teaching techniques; R. K. Carpenter proposed standardizing interscholastic fencing; Clifford Kirms lectured on the proper introduction to fencing; Emanuel Ehrlich told about fencing in the Intersettlement League of New York City; Julia Jones proposed that officials be certified and Dr. Hubert Sanborn submitted a paper "Psychology as Pedagogy in Fencing Teaching."

The consensus was that the conference had been of great value.

—J.R.deC.



CHARLES STEINHARDT IS CHAMPION OF PARIS

On May 26th Charles Steinhardt won the individual electric foil Championship of Paris. This is the Open championship for Paris and the Isle de France area and it is the first time that an American has held the title. Captain Steinhardt has been making rapid progress while stationed in Europe and writes, "I feel greatly honored by this good fortune and especially pleased at the steady progress I have been making here. Each month and with each tournament I can feel growth."

The event was ten touch direct elimination after the first round and his closest bout was 10-7, in the semi-final; his championship bout score was 10-4. Military duties made it impossible for him to go to Milwaukee this year but we hope he will be permitted to come home for the Nationals and (perhaps) the World Championships next year.

—J. R. deC.

SALLE CSISZAR WINS SABRE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The Salle Csiszar was undefeated in its march to the Metropolitan Open Sabre Team Championship. Seven strong teams completed in the event but Richard Dyer, Wallace Farber, Paul Makler and James Otto could not be stopped. Second place went to a Salle Santelli team consisting of Robert Blum, Allan Kwartler and George Worth.

We regret that the score sheets were never sent to American Fencing so that this report is incomplete and delayed.



DEFINITION

An egotist is a person who tells you about his victories when you want to tell him about yours.



CALCUTTA FENCING CLUB

Michel Mamlouk of the New York A.C. is now working in India and writes that the one and only fencing club in Indian was born in November 1956 at the Calcutta Racket Club. Mamlouk and an Englishman, Ted Clayton, are instructing 30 very active members. Any fencers visiting the city will be welcome. Mamlouk may be reached c/o American Export Lines, India Steamship Lines, India Steamship House, 21 Old Court House St., Calcutta 1.

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Pacific Coast Championships

By Fred Linkmeyer

The 1957 Sectional Championships were held at the Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco over a two-day period which produced some excellent fencing. Nine open and eight intermediate championships were decided. Representatives from North California, Southern California and Seattle participated. Bob Miller, of Seattle, was the only one to win two titles, taking both the Intermediate and the Open Epee. Not a single one of last year's title holders was able to repeat.

Results

Women's Intermediate: (1) Bettie Merwin, Faulkner, So. Cal.; (2) Madeline Miyamoto, Faulkner, So. Cal.; (3) Mary Huddleson, Halberstadt, No. Cal.

Intermediate Foil: (1) Jerry Romary, Unatt., So. Cal.; (2) Jose Tafaya, Letterman, No. Cal.; (3) Wilford Wootan, Unatt., No. Cal.

Intermediate Foil Team: Letterman Army Hospital, No. Cal. (Brownlee, Rhodes, Tafaya).

Women's Intermediate Team: Faulkner, So. Cal. (DeRosier, Merwin, Miyamoto).

Intermediate Sabre: (1) Lawrence Brownlee, Letterman, So. Cal.; (2) Bob Crawford, Faulkner, So. Cal.; (3) Jose Tafaya, Letterman, No. Cal.

Intermediate Sabre Team: Letterman Army Hospital, No. Cal. ((Brownlee, Pasol, Tafaya).

Intermediate Epee: (1) Bob Miller, WAC, Seattle; (2) Robert Searls, Berkeley, No. Cal.; (3) Bob Crawford, Faulkner, So. Cal.

Intermediate Epee Team: Faulkner, So. Cal. (Andrina, Davis, Duncan).

Women's Foil Team: So. Cal. Composite (Hoblit, Mitchell, Romary).

Women's Foil: (1) Janice-Lee Romary, Unatt., So. Cal.; (2) Maxine Mitchell, LAAC, So. Cal.; (3) Tommy Angell, Halberstadt, No. Cal.

Sabre Team: Northern California (Domalky, Maggay, Orley).

Sabre: (1) Tomas Orley, Olympic Club, No. Cal.; (2) Attila Keresztes, LAAC, So. Cal.; (3) Alex Urban, LAAC, So. Cal.

Foil Team: Faulkner, So. Cal. (Crawford, Davis, Duncan, Missler).

Foil: (1) Daniel DeLaO, Olympic Club, No. Cal.; (2) Jerry Biagini, Olympic Club, No. Cal.; (3) Bob Crawford, Faulkner, So. Cal.

Epee Team: Los Angeles A.C., So. Cal. (deJong, Linkmeyer, Tarbet).

Epee: (1) Bob Miller, WAC, Seattle; (2) Jerry Biagini, Olympic Club, No. Cal.; (3) Fred Rayser, LAAC, So. Cal.

Three-Weapon Team: Northern California (Jack Baker, Jerry Biagini, Wilford Wootan).



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ELECTRICAL FOIL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

By **Leon A. Wortman**, Chairman
Committee for Electrical Weapons, AFLA

Shortly after the 1957 Nationals I was given official authority to contact the Chairman of the F.I.E. Technical Commission for Electrical Signaling and obtain the latest technical information. Within a fortnight I received a comprehensive reply containing the proposed Rules. While space does not permit the printing of the complete rules in **American Fencing**, they have been run off on "Ditto" and anyone interested in them may acquire a set by writing to me at my home*. The Rules are the new ones for electrical foil proposed by the Technical Committee of the FIE; they are more complete, detailed, and more stringent with respect to the electrical performance requirements than those in effect for the 1956 Olympic Games. It is hoped that now fencers and engineers may be spared the time and expense of undirected efforts in building their own apparatus; answers to many of the questions one might ask with respect to design data are provided.

The 1958 World Championships to be held in Philadelphia also dictates the importance of instructing local technical Experts, fencers in the U.S. who will be thoroughly familiar with the technical rules and complex technical requirements of electrical foil.

I would like to discuss some technical points which are of special interest to fencers and engineers alike. This is presented in the form of Question and Answer and is based on questions most often asked of me.

Q: Why do we have trouble with electrical foil and not with electrical epee apparatus?

A: Electrical foil apparatus is considerably more complex; and many have forgotten some of the early days of electrical epee which, too, had their problems.

Q: Why do we get shocks with electrical foil, but not with electrical epee?

A: The FIE Rules make no statement in reference to electrical shock. They refer only to "fundamental differences in principles on which the signaling systems for epee and foil are based." The Rules do not explain these "fundamental differences" which are responsible for the electric shocks.

Look at it this way. In order to complete an electric circuit we need at least two wires. In epee, these two wires lie in the groove of the blade and each ends, without contacting the other, inside the sleeve of the point d'arret. The circuit is normally open. When the point is depressed the ends of the two wires are shorted together by an action inside the sleeve of the point, closing the circuit and signaling a touch. A third wire is used to neutralize the weapon's guard. In epee, there is no invalid target to be electrically differentiated. Depress the point and the signaling circuit is closed. Because the circuit is completed inside the weapon, that is to say the fencer is not part of the continuous circuit, he usually does not get the sensation of electric shock, regardless of how much he may perspire.

However, with electric foil, a single wire permanently connected to the metal point lies in the groove of the blade. Normally it is shorted (electrically closed inside the sleeve of the point) to the body of the weapon. De-

press the point and the circuit is opened. Whenever the circuit is opened, therefore, the point (still connected to the single wire) is like the "hot" wire of an open electrical power-supply. It can complete its circuit through the metallic jacket (as it does when a valid touch is made) or, if the voltage is high enough and other conditions are extant (perspiration, saturation, high emotional state, fatigue, etc.), through the fencer's body via his mask and glove in an invalid touch.

Q: How can this be eliminated?

A: Many engineers ridicule some of the "shock" reactions when they learn of the low voltage used. However, Underwriters Laboratories has published some of its research into electrical shock and declares that a current considerably less than that drawn by a flashlight bulb can be sensed as a shock. Therefore, with the "fundamental principles" employed in electrical foil, the endeavor can only be to minimize the possibility of causing shock. Designers are advised to use as low a voltage as possible in the point circuit, to include current-limiting circuitry, and to include (where re-lays are incorporated) inductive kickback suppression. Fencers are strongly urged to have an extra dry glove, dry mask and a change of uniform . . . and lots of towels.

It is not just getting wet with perspiration that increases the possibility of shock sensations. It is the factor of getting "wet" and "drying off" over and over again for many hours of competition. Each time a fencer becomes "dry" a residue of highly-conductive saline crystals remains in the uniform. He comes to the strip again, and in a few minutes is drenched again. Eventually, the fencer is covered with a sheet of matter that is highly conductive from the outside of the clothing right through to the skin. Therefore, a shower and a change to dry, newly-laundered underclothes and uniform is advised if time permits (such as before a final round).

Q: The FIE requires storage batteries and forbids the use of electric mains power. Isn't that to eliminate electric shocks?

A: The reason for requiring storage batteries is to assure a highly stable voltage-source, one that will not fluctuate or drop suddenly when a touch is registered, possibly placing the other fencer at an electrical disadvantage in his rightful attempt to pursue the phrase d'armes.

Q: Why such a long time period "X" before the machine blocks out the signaling of double touches?

A: The new Rules state that the time period "X" shall be adjustable between the time limits of 1 and 2 seconds, with the 2 seconds to be used until further notice. The reason is simply that a shorter time period makes it difficult to test weapons prior to and during the bout. The President of the Jury alone still determines the "right" and "wrong" of the double touch. The timer "blocks" or "locks" only to prevent strategies or attempts to confuse the President.

Q: Why do we have so much trouble with reels? We didn't have it with epee.

A: Again, it's the "fundamental difference in principle." Electrical foil apparatus must signal "valid" or "invalid"; it can't abstain. This means that the edges of the jackets are like the edges of a cliff. Either you are on the cliff or you've fallen off it. You can't be somewhere between "on" and "off" the cliff. Electrically, this is just as clear and sharp a decision, and apparatus must be designed and adjusted to recognize the sharp dividing line between valid and invalid. It is done on the basis of electrical conductivity. Reels in poor condition develop erratic conductivity. This can deceive the apparatus and can cause it to recognize the reel's erratic action as an invalid touch (even when a valid touch has been made, when no touch has been made but a sudden advance or retreat action has been executed, or even when a hit has landed on the adversary's weapon). Designers and fencers are urged to pay special attention to Articles 114 and 116 of the June 1957 FIE Rules which refer to requirements for sensitivity of the apparatus with respect to external resistances and speed of operation.

It is strongly urged that the Rules be digested by potential builders of apparatus. There is a wealth of knowledge contained therein, all based on the many years of international experience as far back as 1937, reflecting careful thought on the parts of fencers and engineers. They can be and will be picked at by some, but they cannot be picked apart. They are sound.

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From Nick Muray's

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have not always been timely in our notices and this interesting set of pictures is slightly out of date. Nick Muray accompanied the team to Melbourne as an official and then went on a world tour which deprived us of the illustrations we had hoped to use with our story on the Olympic Games. The Games were the most important event in the 1956-57 season and as such merit this picture story.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS — **Top, l. to r.:** Flag Bearer Armitage leads US Team into the Stadium (two girls leading women's contingent are Romary and Mitchell); the smiles are genuine; US-Russia sabre match (Cohen, Bogdanov, Armitage, Kouznetsov, Vertrov, Worth, Rylaskii, Kwartler, Tcherepovskii). **Bottom, l. to r.:** US-France foil match (Netter, Bukantz, Baudoux, Axelrod, d'Oriola, de Capriles, Krieger, Goldsmith, Coicaud, Shurtz, Lataste, Mercier, unidentified, and trainer); Shurtz and friend; US-Italy foil match (Csizsar, Shurtz, Axelrod, Mangiarotti, Krieger, Lucarelli, DiRosa, Bergamini, Lubell).



SABRE — **Top, l. to r.:** Kwartler gets "well done" from de Capriles; Individual Champion Rudolf Karpati of Hungary; Dick Dyer; Kwartler gets clipped by a Russian. **Bottom, l. to r.:** Worth attacking; Mitchell talks to Dyer while de Capriles, Armitage, Nyilas and Krieger wait for next match; Karpati and Hamori with their coach Piller.

Olympic Album



WOMEN'S FOIL — **Top left:** Judy Goodrich, Maxine Mitchell, Janice Romary. **Center:** Individual Champion Gilliam Sheen of Great Britain. **Top right:** Orban of Rumania (runner-up) vs. Romary, USA. **Bottom, left to right:** Romary between bouts.

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MEN'S FOIL — **Top, l. to r.:** Goldsmith gets hooked up; Daniel Bukantz; Individual Champion Christian d'Oriola of France; Axelrod repairs weapons between bouts. **Bottom, l. to r.:** Axelrod, de Capriles, Shurtz; Axelrod's defense in two actions against Italy.



1956 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM — **Standing, l. to r.:** Richard Dyer, Daniel Bukantz, Tibor Nyilas, Sewall Shurtz, Jose de Capriles (Captain), Judy Goodrich, Norman Armitage, Maxine Mitchell, Richard Pew, Janice Romary, Abram Cohen, William Andre, Kinmont Hoitsma and Albert Axelrod. **Kneeling, l. to r.:** George Worth, Nathaniel Lubell, Allan Kwartler, Lajos Csiszar (trainer-coach), Harold Goldsmith, Ralph Goldstein and Byron Krieger.

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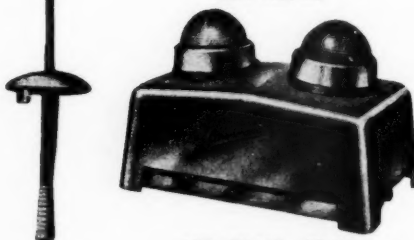
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Arizona

By Constance Latzko

The Bout Committee reports give the following results of recent competitions in the Arizona Division:

Open Foil: (1) George Clovis, U. of Ariz.; (2) Bruce Burch, Unatt.; (3) Joe Gervasio, U. of Ariz.

Open Sabre: (1) Bruce Burch, Unatt.; (2) Joe Gervasio, U. of Ariz.; (3) George Clovis, U. of Ariz.

Open Epee: (1) Richard Procter, U. of Ariz.; (2) Dick Beaman, Tucson High; (3) George Clovis, U. of Ariz.

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COMPETITIONS

Illinois

By Helen Matousek

The **Men's Foil Team Championship** was won by the Salle Calvert with Tony Zombolas, Nate Shapiro and Chuch Abale. Second place went to the University of Chicago (Silverman, Pollesak and Frank) and third to the U. of C. "B" team (Venegas, Fain, Ahlgren).

The **Open Epee Championship** was won by D. Metzger in a fence-off with C. Hemmerle. Mike Fain was third.

The **Open Sabre Championship** was taken away by Alberts of Wisconsin who won all his bouts by a big margin. Silverman was second and Ahlgren third.

The **Women's Championship** went to M. Eltroth of Tribiline F.C. with C. Ghimesy of Salle Calvert second and G. McClellan of Milwaukee third.

The **Open Foil Championship** closed the season and was won by Tony Zombolas of Salle Calvert who was not only undefeated in the final but was touched only ten times in seven bouts. Ed Zeisig of Wisconsin was second and Seiller was third and Frank fourth.



Southern California

By Fred Linkmeyer

The results of the last events for the 1956-57 season were as follows:

Prep Foil: (1) Milton Hutcherson, FSF; (2) Rosario Russo, Vince; (3) Rudy Gomez, Vince.

Novice Foil: (1) Frank Andrina, FSF; (2) Herb Missler, FSF; (3) Robert Fay, BFC.

Open Epee Team: (1) LAAC (Linkmeyer, DeJong, Tarbet); (2) Faulner No. 2 (Mason, Hutcherson, Missler); (3) Faulkner No. 1 (Crawford, Davis, Duncan).

Open Women's Team: (1) Composite (Romary, Hablit, Mitchell); (2) Faulkner (Merwin, Miyamoto, DeRosier); (3) Cavaliers (Hughes, DeLong, DeLuca).

Open Sabre: (1) Alex Orban, LAAC; (2) Attila Keresztes, LAAC; (3) Josef Lampl, LAAC.

Open Sabre Team: (1) LAAC No. 1 (Kishner, Orban, Keresztes); (2) Faulkner (Crawford, Betoni, Davis); (3) LAAC No. 2 (Rice, Rayser, Barden).

3-Weapon Team: (1) LAAC No. 2 (Rice, Barden, Orban); (2) LAAC No. 1 (Lampl, Rayser, Keresztes); (3) Faulkner (Missler, Marx, Duncan).

3-Weapon Individual: (1) Josef Lampl, LAAC; (2) Steve Barden, LAAC; (3) Fred Duncan, FSF.

Bowen Handicap Foils: (1) Fred Duncan, FSF; (2) Herb Missler, FSF; (3) Steve Barden, LAAC.

Connecticut

The results of events appearing on last report from the Division are as follows:

Women's Foil Team won by the New Haven Y with Rose Barraco and Rose Carrano. The Naugatuck Y and Waterbury Y tied for second with Maureen Garrick, Marion Traficanti and Palma Chiodo; Eva Schutt, Naida Mautino and Alma Mautino respectively.

Women's Foil: (1) Eva Schutt, Waterbury; (2) Alma Mautino, Waterbury; (3) Palma Chiodo, Naugatuck.

Men's Foil: (1) John Norton, Yale; (2) Ralph Spinella, Waterbury; (3) Edgar Sanchez, Naugatuck.

Men's Non-Medalist Comp.: (1) Robert Pleasants, Norwalk; (2) Eugene Le Brun, Norwalk; (3) Albert Samoska.

Women's Non-Medalist Comp.: (1) Florence Lewis, Norwalk; (2) Patricia Perrella, Waterbury; (3) Patricia Rossi, Waterbury.

Epee: (1) Edgar Sanchez, Naugatuck; (2) Ralph Spinella, Waterbury; (3) Dexter Johnson, Milford.

Men's Foil Team: Won by Norwalk with Edward Vebell, Herbert Wooley and C. Barton Brodrick. Naugatuck was second with Joseph Jannetty, Edgar Sanchez and James Bellfiore.

Men's Open Foil: (1) Edgar Sanchez, Naugatuck; (2) Robert Goering, Yale; (3) John Norton, Yale.

Women's Open: (1) Eva Schutt, Waterbury; (2) Maureen Garrick, Naugatuck; (3) Alma Mautino, Waterbury.

Sabre Open: (1) Siegfried Jesswin, Hartford; (2) Romolo Garbatini, New Haven; (3) Edgar Sanchez, Naugatuck.

Men's Non-Medalist: (1) John Powell, Yale; (2) Romeo Marafioti, Norwalk; (3) Per Johannesen, Norwalk.

Women's Non-Medalist: (1) Duanne d'Anteuil, New Haven; (2) Roberta Coughlin, New Haven; (3) Barbara Watkins, Norwalk.

Women's Foil: (1) Eva Schutt, Waterbury; (2) Rose Barraco, New Haven; (3) Alma Mautino, Waterbury.

Men's Foil: (1) Edgar Sanchez, Naugatuck; (2) Robert Goering, Yale; (3) Ralph Spinella, Waterbury.

Women's Team: Won by Naugatuck with Maureen Garrick, Marion Traficanti and Palma Chiodo. New Haven placed second with Roberta Coughlin, Rose Carrano and Rose Barraco.

Men's Epee and Women's Foil Team: (1) Romolo Garbatini and Rose Barraco; (2) Robert Goering and Roberta Coughlin; (3) Edgar Sanchez and Maureen Garrick.



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Open Epee: (1) Ken Gullett, (2) Frank French, (3) Richard Slaughter, (4) Frank Griffin.

Open Sabre: (1) Ken Gullett, (2) Frank Griffin, (3) Frank French, (4) Bill Towry.

Women's Open: (1) Helen Gray, (2) Mary Curl, (3) Mozelle Hampton, (4) Marion Muller.

Intermediate Foil: (1) Frank Griffin, (2) Bill Towry, (3) Frank French, (4) Richard Slaughter.

Intermediate Epee: (1) Frank Griffin, (2) Bill Towry, (3) Frank French, (4) Ken Gullett.

Intermediate Sabre: (1) Ken Gullett, (2) Frank Griffin, (3) Bill Towry, (4) Frank French.

Women's Intermediate: (1) Mozelle Hampton, (2) Mary Curl, (3) Kay Cottingham, (4) Marion Muller.

Junior Foil: (1) Frank Griffin, (2) Frank French, (3) Richard Slaughter, (4) Jon Barnett.

Junior Epee: (1) Frank Griffin, (2) Frank French, (3) Royce Bruce, (4) Ken Gullett.

Junior Sabre: (1) Delano McLane, (2) Frank French, (3) Royce Bruce, (4) Tom Dowlearn.

Women's Junior: (1) Mary Curl, (2) Evelyn Schools, (3) Mozelle Hampton, (4) Marion Muller.

Novice Foil: (1) Tom Dowlearn, (2) Delano McLane, (3) Bill Laurence.

Novice Epee: (1) Delano McLane, (2) Royce Bruce, (3) Bill Laurence.

Novice Sabre: (1) Tom Dowlearn, (2) Delano McLane, (3) Royce Bruce.

Inland Empire

By Don M. Polinsky

The Division was created on October 17, 1956 with 12 charter members. We held our first tournament at Vancouver on November 9. Matches to promote interest were held with the Washington State College and we also took part in the Oregon Tournament in Portland and the Northwest International Event in Seattle. Our final meet was the Inland Empire Tournament at Richland, Washington, with over 40 contestants.

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Total Liabilities		6,294.95
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Total Liabilities and Reserves		\$8,025.16
Income:		
Dues	\$2,778.50	
Interest	269.73	
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TENTATIVE IFA VARSITY SCHEDULE

December

- 7—NYU at Yale; Rutgers at Temple; St. Peter's at Fordham.
14—Columbia at Rutgers; NYU at Penn; Queens at Fordham;
Yale at CCNY.
21—CCNY at Columbia; Temple at NYU.

January

- 4—CCNY at Rutgers; Brooklyn at Queens.
8—Lehigh at Rutgers; Yeshiva at Columbia.
11—Brooklyn at Lehigh; Columbia at NYU; Harvard at Cornell;
Navy at Princeton; Rutgers at Haverford; Rutgers (Newark)
at Fordham; Yale at Penn.
15—Haverford at Princeton; Johns Hopkins at Penn.
18—Cornell at Penn; Johns Hopkins at Navy; Princeton at CCNY.

February

- 1—Brooklyn at Adelphi; Fairleigh Dickinson at Fordham; Harvard at Columbia; Navy at NYU; Yale at Rutgers.
7—Harvard at NYU.
8—Cornell at Yale; Harvard at CCNY; Penn at Navy; Princeton at Columbia; Rutgers at NYU.
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14—NYU at Princeton.
15—Brooklyn at Rutgers; Columbia at Yale; Fordham at Stevens; Navy at Cornell; Penn at Princeton.
17—Yeshiva at Brooklyn.
18—MIT at Harvard.
19—Columbia at Brooklyn; Rutgers at Princeton.
22—CCNY at NYU; Conn. at Yale; Fordham at Adelphi; Navy at Columbia; Princeton at Harvard; Rutgers at Penn.

March

- 1—Columbia at Cornell; NYU at Brooklyn; Penn at Harvard; Rutgers at Navy; Yale at Princeton.
8—Brooklyn at Navy; CCNY at MIT; Fordham at Brooklyn Poly; Harvard at Yale; Penn at Columbia; Princeton at Cornell.
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- Oct. 12**—Sabre - Class C - Group III
1 PM EC* Oct. 2. Saltus Club
Oct. 19—Epee - Class C - Group III
12 Noon EC Oct. 9. Fencers Club
Oct. 20—Women - Class C - Group III
12 Noon EC Oct. 10. Salle Santelli
Oct. 26—Women - Handicap (2 vs Class A, etc.)
12 Noon Open. EC Oct. 16. Salle Santelli
Oct. 27—Foil High School Individual
1 PM EC Oct. 17. New York A.C.
Nov. 2—Epee Handicap (see Oct. 26, above)
12 Noon EC Oct. 23. Fencers Club
Nov. 3—Sabre Handicap (see Oct. 26, above)
12 Noon EC Oct. 24. New York A.C.
Nov. 9—Foil - Class C - Group III
1 PM EC Oct. 30. Saltus Club
Nov. 10—Epee Team - Class C
12 Noon EC Oct. 31. Fencers Club
Nov. 16—Foil Handicap (see Oct. 26, above)
12 Noon EC Nov. 6. New York A.C.
Nov. 17—Women's Open - Group II
1 PM EC Nov. 7. Salle Santelli
Nov. 30—Foil Team - Class C
1 PM EC Nov. 20. Saltus Club
Dec. 1—Sabre Team - Class C
1 PM EC Nov. 21. New York A.C.
Dec. 7—Women - Class B - Group II
1 PM EC Nov. 27. Salle Santelli
Dec. 8—Electric Foil - Open - Group II
1 PM EC Nov. 28. Salle Santelli
Dec. 14—Foil Prep
1 PM EC Dec. 4. Saltus Club
Dec. 15—Mixed Doubles Team (Sabre - Women's Foil)
1 PM Open. EC Dec. 5. Fencers Club

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THE ELECTRONIC AGE

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As Jimmy Durante would put it, "a catastrophe" is threatening the gentlemanly sport of fencing. Specifically, electronics is casting its never blinking eye on this honor-bound activity. Already, the foil and the epee have been electrified and the awful rumor is afoot that the sabre is about to be similarly treated.



Good heavens! Have you any idea at all what this means?



Well, I'll tell you. It means the end of the poker-face in fencing. It means the end of the delightful art of lying, deceit, and fraud in competition. Gone forever is the angelic look of innocence when an opponent touches you. Now, confound it, bells clang, cymbals bang, and the lights flash away whenever a touch is scored.



This mechanical monster threatens to retire some of the deadiest pans since the gambling days on the old Mississippi side-wheelers. Men who have devoted a whole life to the imitation of the facial flexibility of Sitting Bull will now be confounded with the piercing revelation of the Mazda lamp. It just isn't fair, that's all! It isn't fair that men who have trained diligently in this classic art of deception should be rendered obsolete over night!



Besides this, look what electrification is doing to the classic grace of the fencer. Why in the old days, the ladies would absolutely swoon at the magnificent poise and carriage of a fencer. There he'd be, tall, erect, impervious to everything about him. Oh! lost day of glory and rugged individual-

ism! Now look what we have today. In the first place, a modern fencer looks like he never lost his coccygeal appendage. Sticking out of his fencing uniform in the area of his seat is a long flowing tail-like cord. This in turn, is attached to a reel-like affair that treats the poor fencer like a sailfish on the end of a line.



All this is not without its hazards either. In the old days all you had to worry about was whether you could touch the other guy and keep him from touching you. Now, you not only have to be "Underwriters Laboratory Approved" before you go out on the strip, but it might be wise to have Con Edison around in emergencies. To illustrate: at the National Championships this year everything appeared to be hunky-dory as the foil finals got under way. But then a funny thing happened. Every time a touch was scored both contestants' hair would stand up. At first it was thought that the fencers were overly surprised at the results. However, when one fencer started to do a slow but consistent burn the officials grounded the whole proceeding. Quite a shocking state of affairs we'd say. But progress is our most important product.



Of course on the other side of the ledger, the spectators love it. If their man doesn't win on touches, there is always the possibility the other guy will be electrocuted. Then, too, who touched who is no longer a mystery. Those bells and lights really put the finger on you. But the biggest problem of all is yet to come. What if the Electricians' Union insists on jurisdiction in judging the bouts? The AFLA is liable to blow a fuse!

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